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1. The SS. "Admiral Gernyavin", 6,300 tons (ex SS. "Phoenix") is being overhauled and repaired in the Wismar shipyards. She has been there since August 1947. The repair work and the installation of more apparatus is to be completed by 1 November 1948. The ship has a 3,800 H.P. Sulzer 8-cylinder engine, and is equipped with echo-sounding equipment. When repaired she will leave for Leningrad where she will take up her duties as a training vessel for the Soviet Navy.
2. The S.S. "Polyus" is also being converted into a training ship for the Soviet Navy at Wismar. She is being fitted out with accommodations for 300 cadets. She is equipped with echo-sounding equipment, and is going to be fitted with modern nautical instruments. The work will be completed in November 1948, and then she will leave for Odessa.
3. The S.S. "Aequator" (ex SS. "Cartania") is also being converted into a training vessel at Wismar, and is being fitted with accommodations for 250-300 cadets. New boilers and modern instruments for the engines and the engine room are to be installed. The Soviet authorities have demanded that the conversion be completed before November 1948.

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